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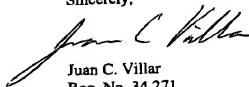
Dear Mr. Ghyka,

Please be advised that we have received a communication from our client, Siemens Corporation, regarding the above-referenced patent application. Apparently, they received an Advisory Action in response to a Response to Final Office Action filed by our firm on January 7, 2002. This response was filed by us within two months of the mailing of a Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2001.

The Advisory Action should have been mailed to the attorney of record, but went to the client instead and, in fact, was not delivered to the client until May 6, 2002 -- exactly six months from the date of the Final Office Action.

Therefore, we ask that this case not go abandoned and that we be given a new deadline for filing a Request for Continued Examination. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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